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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6993

BILL NUMBER: SB 382

DATE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Voting Rights of Felons.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a person who is convicted of a crime after June 30, 2002, is not eligible to register or to vote until the person is no longer incarcerated, on parole, or under court supervision. The bill requires the circuit court clerk of the county in which an individual is convicted of a crime, rather than the Department of Correction, to notify the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) official of the conviction and placement of the individual. The bill repeals a requirement that the county sheriff notify the NVRA official of a conviction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Impact to the state could effect the Indiana Election Division in future years when the statewide voter registration file to be maintained by the Election Division (as current law requires) would need to be purged of persons registered to vote that have been convicted of a crime after July 1, 2002. Under current law, the file must be fully operational by July 1, 2004. This provision could increase the administrative time required of staff members of the Election Division to purge convicted voters from the database.

Additionally, the Election Division and National Voter Registration officials would be required to notify the circuit court clerk or board of registration of each county where a convicted voter lives of the voter's status.

If the notice is mailed, the Election Division would face additional expenditures for postage and paper.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: County clerks and voter registration officials could face additional administrative expenses in order to compile a monthly list of convictions and notify the Indiana Election Division and National Voter Registration officials of these results. If the notice is mailed, the county would

face additional expenditures for postage and paper.

Conviction Data: The following table illustrates the number of convicted persons entering into either a Department of Correction facility or into another form of sentence. The most recent data obtained varies by sentence.

Sentence	Number Entering
DOC Imprisonment (FY 2001)	12,088
Shock Probation (1999)	269
Parole (FY 2001)	5,088*
Supervision in lieu of prosecution (1999)	172
Other (Including Home Detention) (1999)	1,239
* Approximately	

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Secretary of State, Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County clerks and voting registration officials.

Information Sources: Dale Simmons, Co-Council, Indiana Election Division, (317) 232-3939; *2001 Offender Population Statistical Report, June 2001; 1999 Indiana Judicial Report.*